

tributed by Mrs. Taylor Sang, and then came two addresses. It was a great disappointment when a telegram was read from Major Neve, F.R.C.S., who was to have spoken: "Regret emergency work prevents attending conversazione; urge need missionary nurses." His place was, however, taken by Miss Frodsham (St. Bartholomew's Hospital), who is shortly returning to India. She spoke of Christianity as the supreme need of all the different classes in India; and then described the ordinary day's round of a missionary nurse, who needs to be a "Jack of all trades and master of all." The most common diseases are tubercular, leprosy, women's diseases (usually in an advanced stage, having waited sometimes four years for operation), huge abdominal growths and eye cases. Every single bit of training and experience is needed; and, besides all this, there is the supremely necessary work of training the Indian nurses.

The next address was given by Miss J. Macfee on the subject "The N.M.L. a great Adventure." She traced the history of the League from its very beginning in 1902, when it was simply a vision of a great need and a work to be done, and showed how gradually the tremendous difficulties had been faced and overcome. She spoke, too, of finance, of the early days when letters had to lie unposted because the Secretary had not money to even buy stamps; of the gradual and wonderful rise in the income, with no drop till the past year, and of the real need of the present time. She turned then to the need for adventure in the life of every member. It was easy to apply the word to the 250 missionary members, and to the 300 members nursing the wounded in France, Serbia, Malta, Egypt, on hospital ships and in military and naval work at home. But for each single one there was a great field for spiritual adventure, for all have difficulties to face and overcome. The N.M.L. should be a united band of those who are adventuring for God.

THE EVENING SESSION.

At the evening meeting the Chairman was Professor Carless, M.S., F.R.C.S., who was present in spite of his great loss in the death of his son in France earlier in the week. He spoke briefly on the subject of sacrifice. Every advance is marked by sacrifice, by the lives of men and women laid down, and it is so in the mission field. Some who in former years have been farewelled at N.M.L. meetings have laid down their lives. "What has your religion cost you? It is 'without money and without cost' that our salvation comes to us from God; but it was never intended to be without cost in our lives. Has it ever cost you real self-denial? If life has been only a trying to get pleasures, may these solemn days make our religion a whole-hearted devotion of our whole lives to God."

The "Sailing Members" next spoke for five minutes each. Of the ten who are starting for the mission field this year, six had already sailed, Miss St. Leger Clark (trained at the General

Hospital, Birmingham) and Miss Spencer (Charing Cross Hospital) to India; Miss Day (St. Marylebone Infirmary) and Miss Salisbury (King's College Hospital) to Africa, and Miss Stephenson (Bethnal Green Infirmary) and Miss Thompson (General Hospital, Nottingham) to China, while Miss Willis (Whitechapel Infirmary) hopes to start next week but was unable to be present at the meeting. The remaining three were present, Miss Bally (Mildmay Mission Hospital) and Miss Cameron (Royal Infirmary, Manchester) proceeding to China, and Miss Ivens (Royal Infirmary, Liverpool) proceeding to Bannu, N. India. Each told briefly what had led her to think of Missionary work, perhaps one of the most impressive points being the story of a Missionary doctor who had been obliged to refuse to do a serious operation because there was no nurse to take care of the patient afterwards.

Three members who are shortly returning to the mission field were the next speakers. Miss Frodsham said that the call of the mission field is strong now, firstly, because of the war. Quite twenty of the Indian soldiers whom she had been nursing at Brockenhurst had pleaded with her to go to their own part of India to give their women the care which they had received in hospital. Secondly, the call is strong because the Indian people are pleading for medical aid. Thirdly, there is the call of the few who do go. Some say that it is foolish for missionaries to overwork, "Well," said Miss Frodsham, "if you don't believe in overwork, come and help us." Lastly, there is the call of Christ.

Miss Mitchell next spoke about the women of China and of her great joy in returning to them again. She was followed by Miss Pitt, shortly returning to Fuhning, China, to her hospital of 116 beds, staffed by one doctor and one nurse—herself. She told of the need for adaptability, and gave an insight into some of the difficulties when she told how the patients' relatives persist in being present at operations and even telling the doctor what to do!

Miss Richardson, the next speaker, had as her subject, "Adventure in the N.M.L. and the Mission Field." After reading part of a letter from a member working on a transport ship, showing vividly the dangers which confront such nurses, she told three impressive incidents showing how the lives of members had been a tremendous influence for God in hospitals. Turning next to the mission field, she spoke of the three members who have laid down their lives during the past six months, Miss Bedells in Palestine, Miss Carrick in Persia, and Miss Fagg at Bannu. Such have indeed shown the spirit of adventure, attempting the impossible in the name of God, and the same power which empowered them is available for each one.

Dr. J. Howard Cook, of Mengo, Uganda, then spoke of the wonderful opportunities of a missionary nurse, and the great influence not only of her professional skill but of her sympathy. The need for more nurses was tremendous, he said,

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